

2004 Astor Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2006 6:30 PM
First Ev. Lutheran Church, 743 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI

1. Welcome (Trini Bielski, Pres.)

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Treasurer's Report: Pastor Paul Schleis

Pastor Schleis commented on the summary report of the financials for the 2004_05 year. Copies of a detailed report are available, upon request.

Motion made, seconded, carried to approve the Treasurer's report.

4. Mayor Jim Schmitt

Mayor Schmitt gave an early "State of the City" Power point presentation. Potential development areas were shown, such as the I-43/Mason St. area, Hwy. 54/57 (next industrial park). Mayor Schmitt mentioned the referendum for allowing alcoholic beverage licenses for the area west of Broadway. We're always looking to bring in restaurants, hotels, etc., to help build up the tax base. East Fox River front development (condos, Baylake Bank in the old Boston Store, boardwalk, gather spaces, boats) was shown. A grid system (the streets go through) will need to be reinstated in the downtown area. Leicht Memorial Park has funding and design for festival grounds. There still is a plan to move the C. Reiss coal piles, and still keep the river workable for industry (closer to the mouth of the river). Brief information was given on WIN (Working to Improve Neighborhoods) with Community Policing, Neighborhood Services, and Community Services Interns (CSI), Nuisance Action Team. Neighborhood Associations, St. Vincent/Bellin hospitals looking for some parking on Webster Ave.

5. a. GB School Board candidate Steve Terrien: a life long resident of GB. Taught part-time, Steve feels he can help bring enthusiasm to the School Boards and Voters. Steve would like a refocusing on the three 'Rs, and core subjects such as history and sociology. He feels we need to get discipline back into the schools.

b. GB School Board candidate Michael Blecha: 50 year resident of the school district, worked at Press Gazette for over 33 years, especially in education issues. Retired, but volunteers in many of the schools during the week. Michael favors construction of the east side gr. 6-12 school to reduce overcrowding, reducing truancy (50% higher than state average), and restoring 2/3rds funding from the state govt. for local school funding.

c. Mark Nowak, for GB School Board incumbent Katie Maloney (wife): Both grew up in the Astor Neighborhood. Katie has worked for the past seven years for high quality education, and sound fiscal efforts, and community input.

5. GB Community Police (CP) Officers Pat Blindauer and Mike Hansford: The CP program had been down to 12 officers, and are now up to 18 officers. Presently there is no CP officer in the Astor area, but Pat and Mike (mostly downtown area) will help cover. There are some problems in Joannes Park with "groups" of kids. It's very helpful to have two CSI who can speak Spanish. Phone numbers (448-3133), and e-mail addresses are on the back of a map distributed at this meeting.

6. GB Water Utility: Brian Powel. GB entered an agreement with Ashwaubenon, to provide water. Thus, GB need to go into Lawe, Irwin, Grinon streets , then west to Fox River, underneath toward Ashland and Lombardi. The east side phase will start sometime after April 4. A 36" transmission main, to move at about 100' a day. There will be a web page (link on city page), with updates and contact information GB uses about 17-18 million gallons a day, with Ashwaubenon at about 6 million gallons a day. The streets will be open to the local homeowners (not for through traffic, though). The contractors will have to provide street sweepers daily, plus an evening city sweeper. The water main will be under the streets, and not on the easements.

7. Tony Theisen, City Alderman. Tony feels that problems in Green Bay are addressed quickly. Problem homes are removed, eventually, and help the value of other houses.

The city has been notified that Nemechek Grocery store is closing (no other information at this point).

St. Vincent hospital is not seeking ramp parking, at this time. Presently, they are transferring some employees to the new Prevea clinic, using and re-line two surface lots. These actions should alleviate parking concerns, at least for a few years.

8. Election of New Board Members:

New: Brittany Dickey and Daniel Pagel

Continuing: Erik Hoyer, Mike Van Handel, Melissa Moren, Cody Bielski, Phil Nelson, Roxanne Chronart, Trini Bielski, Pastor Paul Schleis

Reelect: Kelly Schumacher

Member at Large: Teppie Schueller, Maria Milano

Motion made, seconded, carried to approve the members.

Outgoing (with thanks, for their work): Carol Macaux, Gretchen Mitchell, Mike Bielski

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Paul Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer.